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In the course of my trip through Berepe indepharter, moviewe attention was drawn to a number of areas in which there appear to be serious weaknesses in the furtherence of our ever-all intelligence effort. While I do not have personal knowledge of some of the items which I shall mention, General Erekine, at my request, examined the intelligence picture from the field commanders' point of view and provided me with the benefit of his observations. I realise, of ecurps, that most, if not all these matters ere no strangers to you, but perhaps my views will not be axise as a slightly different glant.

I am fully convinced that the successful prosportion of any militery program has its very foundation in the quantity, quality, and proper dissemination of intelligence. I am well sumre that deficiencies exist in the Department of Defence intelligence agencies and am taking steps to correct those faults. Correction of the following deficiencies, which lie in the covert field and, therefore, fall within your purview, appears to be of vital importance to the country:

- a. Lateral diseasination of information by GIA field agencies to local commenders appears necessary and logical. For example, it seems that USCINCEUR should receive GIA field reports directly and not be required to weit for distribution of sevened meterial from Washington.
- b. The penetration of the "iron curtain" by severt means falls far short of our requirements. The militery in Germany state that penetration of the Seviet orbit to meridian 50 east should be effected in order to provide information that should be available for proper war planning and the conduct of operations in event of attack. At the present time, reports indicate that we have acknowed scattered penetration to a depth of about 150 miles, far short of the require-

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No proper training in covert operations has been given the Armed Forces because CIA is charged with the conduct of all such operations. It would appear that a reassessment of Department of Defense training and operations in the covert field should be made, based on the prospective capabilities of CIA resources to satisfy Defense requirements.

There are other points which should be discussed in detail.

I'm sure you will agree that improved coordination between our agencies will improve the efficiency of our respective intelligence operations. I therefore suggest that our appropriate staff officers meet as soon as possible to go over these matters of common interest. General Erskine will represent the Department of Defense if you concur.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

ROGER M. KYES

Mr. Allen W. Dulles Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D.C.

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